

Meeting Minutes

Location: Mark Getzendaner's Home, Bellevue, WA

Attendees: Mark Taylor, Shawn Broadhead, Kevin Ostendorf, Gary Smith, Denis Ransmeir, Bill Gerdts, John Silvey, Duane Nascimento, Robert Metzger, Mitch Irsfeld, Steve Laing, and Mark Getzendander.

Board Positions and Other Roles

Current executive members include:

President, Mark Taylor

VP, Shawn Broadhead

Treasurer, Kevin Ostendorf

Secretary, Steve Laing (volunteered during meeting and was approved for the position)

Immediate Past President, Brad Throssell

Regarding Chapter business, President is responsible for checking the PO Box, and along with the Treasurer, is responsible for managing PayPal for donations and expenses.

Committees & Events

Additional roles and responsibilities were discussed, with the only new assignments including:

Mitch Irsfeld as Website Editor and lead on Communications, and Steve Laing as lead on the Calendar. Both Mitch and Steve were given administrative rights for the Facebook page to help generate content and update it regularly. Youth member, Sam Shermer, will also be asked to contribute. Additional responsibilities will include monitoring "Meet Up" pages and getting TU events on those pages. Bill Gerdts will remain Webmaster, along with Shawn Broadhead as backup.

David Kyle was unable to be present to discuss the Lake Sammamish creel survey.

Other member roles were noted, and all members accepted those responsibilities. It was suggested that along with fish outs and fly casting activities, the Chapter consider a Fly Tying event.

Budget

A balance sheet was provided to members for review. Mark explained the various income and expense items. With a current balance of \$13,098, Mark proposed putting \$10,000 into a CD account, since interest-bearing checking accounts are not as common as in previous years. Mark and Shawn will look into it.

Mark explained that TU National rebates state chapters \$2.50 per member, and that although the state chapter used to hold an annual banquet, there has not been one for several years because there was no one in a position to drive state fundraising. There is now, so we need to continue to support the state chapter. Mark recommended contributing \$1,000 to Guadalupe River TU Tomorrow, as a way to show our support for TU youth programs. No objections were voiced.

He also noted that our Embrace a Stream donation is categorized under the Kokanee Project.

It was suggested that we look into what our website expenses actually are, and that we coordinate a password manager system to address access to the various accounts. It was also asked if we need a technical committee to enable us to do a better job on our website than National does.

General Discussions

Mark noted that the Orvis-TU “Embrace a Stream” program starts on Monday, November 6th, and he encouraged members to go to the TU site and select a project to support with a donation, and to encourage friends and others to do the same.

Concern was expressed that the current storage unit was no longer large enough for Chapter materials and equipment. Mark said he would look into securing a larger unit. Additional suggestions included reorganizing contents, creating an inventory list, and posting a sign-in clipboard in the unit for members to note when contents were taken from and returned to unit.

A question was asked about the egg box, and Mark noted that the one we currently have is for display purposes, as it was used at Salmon Days. Mark suggested we consider getting sponsors to pay for additional egg boxes to be used on Idylwood, Laughing Jacob, and Zaccuse creeks.

The Candidate’s Forum appeared to be a big success. All the candidates who participated said they enjoyed the event, and all who attended stayed for the entire evening.

Mark reminded members to promote Amazon Smile as a way to generate some additional donations to our chapter. He also encouraged members to look for any other opportunities for support and to jump on those opportunities for potential donations.

It was suggested that we spring for a Portable Toilet for our Project Healing Waters event at Lake Langlois, as some of the participants find it difficult to walk up the hill to the one that is currently there.

There is also a need to being seeking and collect raffle prizes for our fly fishing movie night at the North Bend Theater, which will be our February meeting. Donations should be received and inventoried in January. It was also suggested that we present our annual awards during the movie night to create greater awareness and publicity for all that our chapter members do. Award nominations are due January 1.

As a thank you to Brad Throssell for his service as Chapter President, it was agreed that we would present him with a \$100 gift certificate to Coho Restaurant.

Mark expressed his desire to coordinate a presentation about our Kokanee Project by Dave Kyle at a regional TU meeting.

It was brought up that we need a new, updated write-up about the Kokanee Project on our chapter website.

Gary noted that he had attended an excellent two-day training on salmon ecology sponsored by the Northwest Environmental Training Center. He also suggested that it might be a good idea for our chapter to have a Government Affairs Officer and he volunteered to take on that role if we chose to create such a position.

Our next member meeting is schedule for Wednesday, November 15, at 7 pm at the Issaquah Rogue Ale Brewhouse. The presenter will be James Workman, executive director of the Northwest Environmental Training Center, a Issaquah-based nonprofit organization that coordinates hundreds of training programs related to fisheries, conservation, water quality, project management, and more.

The State TU Council Meeting is scheduled for January [exact date?].

Action Items

The culvert board used with the Kokanee catapult at Salmon Days and other events is in need of repair and updating. Duane will repair the back support which is coming apart. Shawn will look into getting a photo to cover the board that makes it appear as if you are looking into an actual culvert to enhance its appearance and illustrate the issue affecting the Kokanee.

The winch system on one of the fish traps is bent and in need of repair. However, it was not determined who would actually repair the trap, but a closer inspection to determine the extent of repair is warranted.